# EXHIBIT 16

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION  HARRIET LANE, ) Plaintiff, ), (C.A. NO. 4:19-cv-00435  VS. ) SIEMENS ENERGY, INC., ) Defendant. )  ***********************************	1
Page 2  1	1 TONI HORTON, 2 having been first duly sworn, testified as follows: 3 EXAMINATION 4 QUESTIONS BY MR. ASHOK BAIL: 5 Q. Good morning, Ms. Horton. 6 A. Good morning. 7 Q. Can you please state your full name for the Court and please spell it out. 9 A. Toni Renee Horton. T-O-N-I. R-E-N-E-E. 10 H-O-R-T-O-N. 11 Q. That's a very pretty necklace you have, 12 Ms. Horton. 13 A. Thank you. 14 Q. Can you please let me know whether you've ever had your deposition taken before? 16 A. Yes. 17 Q. How long ago was the last time? 18 A. 2015. 19 Q. Just a few guidelines that will make the deposition easier. I'm sure your attorney has gone over it with you. One is make sure that all responses should be verbal. Nodding the head or hand movements, she can't transcribe it. If there is a question that you don't know and you don't understand, ask me to repeat the question and I'll

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1	do that. I'm missing one thing.	1	A. I don't know. Sorry.
2	How long have you been an employee	2	Q. Somewhere less than 20. Of all
3	of Siemens?	3	whatever number it is, of those claims that you've
4	A. I've been employed with Dresser-Rand	4	investigated, how many times have you made a
5	since 2009. Siemens acquired us in 2015. So you	5	founding finding that the client was actually
6	could say ten years total.	6	discriminated against?
7	Q. And what position did you encumber [sic]	7	A. None.
8	when you first started working for Siemens?	8	Q. And of those 20 investigations,
9	A. Recruiter. Or Dresser-Rand as a	9	approximately how many of them were discrimination
10	recruiter in 2009. So when Siemens took us over in	10	complaints?
11	2015, I was in human resources, a generalist	11	A. I would say I'm trying to think. I
12	Q. Generalist.	12	don't know the exact number. One. One I do recall
13	A is what the title was back then.	13	for sure.
14	Uh-huh.	14	Q. Is that one other than Harriet Lane's
15	Q. Did your title ever change since that	15	complaints?
16	time?	16	A. Yes, that's correct.
17	A. Yes.	17	Q. What's the name of that individual?
18	Q. When did it change?	18	MS. GRANT: And I'll just put on the
19	A. I don't know when. But we were acquired	19	record this will fall under the terms of the
20	in 2015 and so we were integrated into the Siemens	20	protective order.
21	HR structure. So it was changed to human resource	21	MR. BAIL: Absolutely.
22	consultant. Then it was changed again to HR	22	MS. GRANT: It's information related
23	business consultant. My duties have never changed.	23	to another individual.
24	Q. Okay. HR consultant, then HR business	24	MR. BAIL: Sure.
25	consultant	25	Q. (By Mr. Bail) You know what? To make
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2	to change again		
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Q. It's true that you were involved in some	3 A. No.
manner with a PIP regarding Harriet Lane. Correct?	4 Q that you're aware of?
A. The removal. Correct.	5 A. No.
6 Q. The removal.	6 Q. Did Harriet identify any potential
7 A. The removal.	7 witnesses for you to interview?
8 Q. Strike that. Yeah. The removal. Let's	8 A. Yes, she did. I do believe it is
9 go back to PIPs, though. Of all the PIPs that	9 documented in my my interviews that I the
you've been involved with, has an employee ever	10 claims that I did.
11 passed it?	11 Q. Your notes?
12 A. Yes. Yes.	12 A. Yes.
Q. Okay. And how do you know Harriet Lane?	13 Q. I don't have that in front of me right
A. Because I started supporting the Siemens	14 now, but do you recall if Melissa Shovelski was one
site in June of 2017. And she's an employee at that	15 of those individuals?
16 site.	16 A. I do not recall.
Q. And what complaints of strike that.	17 Q. Do you recall any of the names of the
Did she ever make a complaint of	18 individuals?
discrimination to you?	19 A. I believe Amy Barr may have been one.
A. She's made complaints and I've had to	20 Q. Anybody else?
investigate each cause.	A. I don't recall any others.
Q. Okay. Did she complain of gender and	Q. But if there are, they should be in your
race discrimination?	23 notes.
(24) A. No.	24 A. Yes.
Q. What did she complain about?	25 Q. Okay. And you said you had no
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1	was a manager at Siemens.	1) felt that Donna called her silly because she was
2	Q. Was she the manager at the time of	black or because
3	Harriet Lane's termination?	A. No, she did not. No.
4	A. Yes.	Q. Okay. But you're aware that she was
5	Q. What do you recall strike that.	Q. Okay. But you're aware that she was claiming that she was being discriminated against.
6	Did you ever have any discussions	6 Correct?
7	with Donna Wilson regarding Harriet?	A. At the end, I did. The initial claims
8	A. Yes.	8 to me, no.
9	Q. Can you please tell the nature of those	Q. Okay. What do you mean "at the end"?
10	discussions?	A. So I believe her last I had a meeting
11	A. A couple of things. Each time they	with her to kind of go over all of my findings
12	would meet, I was aware that they had follow-up	because she's made several complaints. And that's
13	meetings post the PIP removal, or as a part of it to	when she made the comment, I feel like I'm being
14	check in. I believe they did have some some kind	discriminated against. She didn't say specifically
15	of disagreement on a leave request. I don't know	for what, but she used the term "discriminated"
16	the details of that. But, you know, Donna would	against," I'm being harassed and I'm being bullied.
17	visit with me about their talks. She was, you know,	Q. Did you ask her specifically for what?
18	also concerned with Harriet and some of the	A. So yes. I mean, give me examples.
19	behavior. So just in an HR capacity were our	Walk me through it. And everything is in my notes.
20	discussions, basically.	And you'll find there's no specific basis of what
21	Q. Donna was frustrated correct? with	she said she was targeted for.
22	Harriet?	Q. Okay. She never told you specifically
23	A. I believe they may have had an incident	gender or race.
24	where the FML came into question where or I think	24 A. No.
25	something had to do with Harriet's pay. And Harriet	Q. And you didn't ask.
	- 14	7.15
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1	had accused Donna this is according to Donna	1 A. That's a part yeah. I'm asking you, 2 what are you being discriminated based on what? 3 Q. Okay.
2	of causing payroll to have a delay in her pay or	what are you being discriminated based on what?
3	missing pay, so that. But I don't know that overall	Q. Okay.
4	she was I can't answer that she was	<ul><li>4 A. Right. And so she's saying, Well,</li><li>5 they're bullying me. And I can't speak word for</li></ul>
5	Q. I have to ask her. Right?	they're bullying me. And I can't speak word for
6	A. Yeah.	6 word, but you have my notes.
7	Q. Did Donna express to you any concerns	Q. But you didn't ask her what specific
8	about Harriet complaining about discrimination and	8 category she felt she was being discriminated
	retaliation?	against, like, race, gender, national origin?
10	A. No.	10 A. I asked an open question. What are you being discriminated on the basis of? So I'm not
11 12	Q. Okay. Did you ever interview Donna as	
	to any claims my client made about	
13 14	(A.) (Yes.) (Q.) discrimination?	Q. Do you know that she was aware when you asked the question that that's an open-ended
15		1
16	A. Yes. Well, I made I interviewed  Donna based on a claim that Harriet said that Donna	15 question, it's not specific towards 16 A. I don't know what she knows. I can't
17	called her out of her name.	17 speak to what she understood or not.
18		1
19	<ul><li>Q. Okay.</li><li>A. So that's in my notes as well.</li></ul>	18 Q. Okay. If you can take a look at 19 A. Uh-huh.
20	Q. When she called her silly or something	20 Q this document and let me know if
21	like that?	20 Q this document and let the know if 21 you've seen it before.
22	A. Yes. She said "it was silly," that she	22 A. Yes.
23	did not call her "silly" is what Donna testified to	23 Q. And I will
24	me about, but yeah.	24 MR. BAIL: Could you put this
	Q. Okay. But did Harriet tell you that she	25 sticker on that?
25		

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1 MS. GRANT: Uh-huh.	1	let's
2 (Exhibit No. 9 marked.)	2	MS. GRANT: Is it 15?
3 Q. (By Mr. Bail) Can you identify that	3	MR. BAIL: Yeah.
4 document for the record?	4	MS. GRANT: That's the one I'm
5 A. Yes. This is a notification letter that	5	looking at.
6 is used when an employee's position is going to be	6	A. Okay. Just a second. All right.
7 eliminated.	7	MS. GRANT: Are you looking for
8 Q. Did you prepare this letter?	8	Interrogatory 11 and 12.
9 A. No. I don't prepare these letters.	9	MR. BAIL: Uh-huh. You're so smart.
10 Q. Okay.	10	MS. GRANT: I just have a good
11 A. These are prepared in Orlando.	11	memory.
12 Q. Ah, okay. Have you ever seen it before?	12	Q. (By Mr. Bail) All right. If you could
13 A. Yes.	13	take a look at are you on Page 15?
14 Q. When did you see this?	14	A. Yes, I'm on Page 15.
15 A. When it was sent to me so that I could	15	Q. I know you've never seen this before,
16 deliver it to the employee.	16	but please take a look at Interrogatory No. 11
17 Q. Okay. Did you make any recommendations	17	A. Okay.
in regards to whether Harriet should be terminated	18	Q and No. 12.
19 or not?	19	A. Okay.
20 A. Did I make any no.	20	Q. And 12 finishes up on the next page.
21 Q. Okay.	21	And then when you're finished with that, please let
22 A. No.	22	me know.
Q. What involvement, if any, did you have	23	(Document review.)
in Harriet's termination?	24	A. I'm finished reading it.
A.) (So as the HR person, I facilitate it.)	25	Q. (By Mr. Bail) So if you go to Page 15.
Page 18		Page 20
So there's a certain process that we go through to	1	And we're going to talk about Interrogatory No. 11.
<ol> <li>So there's a certain process that we go through to</li> <li>validate why a position is being eliminated, there's</li> <li>an approval process that goes through up through</li> </ol>	2	You see where it says under Interrogatory 11, the
an approval process that goes through up through	3	answer, it says "Donna Wilson and Bill Piatt made
4 the VP level.	4	the decision to eliminate plaintiff's position and
Okay. Can you explain that process?	5	terminate plaintiff's employment."
6 Essentially, you have to spell out the	6	Do you know if that is true or not?
7 cost of what it will take to sever an employee. So	7	A. I do know that they did review it and
you have to get a rule for the cost. You're also	8	Donna actually approached me about eliminating the
working with legal on certain aspects to make sure	9	role.
that it's aligned with company policy and local law.	10	Q. Okay.
Q. Is that what you did in regards to	11	A. So she may have, I can't you know,
12 Harriet?	12	maybe she talked to Bill behind the scenes.
A. Yes.	13	Q. Did Bill discuss anything with you in
Q. I'm going to show you what's been marked	14	regards to anything you were working on regarding
15 as Exhibit No. 1.	15 16	her termination?  A. No. Donna is my contact.
16 A. Okay. 17 Q. Can you please tell me whether you've	17	
18 ever seen this document or something similar to it	18	Q. Okay. Toward the end of that same paragraph, it says "As part of a reduction in force,
19 in this case?	19	after they were instructed to reduce the head count
20 A. No. I know what these are, but I've	20	of the quality department."
21 never seen this.	21	Do you see that?
22 Q. Okay. Let's keep that in front of you.	22	A. Yes.
23 A. Okay.	23	Q. Do you know anything about reducing the
24 Q. Has anybody strike that. Has any	24	head count in the quality department?
	1	
25 if you could please turn to page I think it is	25	A. No.

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1	Q. If you go to Interrogatory No. 12, do	any about Harriet Lane's work duties being
2	you see where it says "Bill Piatt made the	2 reduced in any manner?
3	decision" "Donna Wilson and Bill Piatt made the	3 A. No.
4	decision to eliminate plaintiff's standalone	4 Q. Okay.
5	position of lead internal process auditor and	5 (Exhibit No. 10 marked.)
6	terminated plaintiff's employment"?	6 Q. (By Mr. Bail) Can you please identify
7	Do you see that?	<ul> <li>that document for the record?</li> <li>(A.) Yes. This is called a delegation of authority. And this is the form that I use to</li> </ul>
8	A. Yes.	8 Yes. This is called a delegation of
9	Q. Do you know anything about that?	
10	A. Do I Donna approached me to eliminate	obtain approval from HR, business and legal to mov
11	the role. That's what you're asking. Is that what	forward with a position elimination.
12	you're asking me?	Q. Okay. And is this particular
13	Q. Yeah. Do you know anything about the	designation of authority dealing with my client,
14	lead internal process auditor position, that term?	Harriet Lane?
15	A. I don't know what they were calling I	15 A. Yes.
16	don't know the specific title of what I don't	Q. Okay. On the top of this document, it
17	recall what they were calling her.	says "To Lori Lee, Joyce Triglia Bagwell."
18	Q. Okay.	A. Triglia.
19	A. Because that's most likely not the job	Q. Are they the lawyers?
20	code in the HR system.	A. No.
21	Q. Okay. It says here that allegedly they	Q. Who are they?
22	conducted an analysis. Were you a part of that	A. They are HR management. So Lori Lee is
23	analysis?	my manager. Joyce Triglia was the VP of HR at the
24	A. I was not a part of the analysis. They	24 (time.
25	presented me with the I believe you may have	Q. Okay. So why what happens after you
	Page 22	Page 24
1	copies of that, where they list out the hours needed	send a document like this to those individuals?
2	for the role.	A. Everyone has to approve before we can
3	Q. Uh-huh. Okay.	A. Everyone has to approve before we can move forward with even this document that you provided to me. So this is the the first step in obtaining approval before you even get to conversations with the employee or having it approved at all.
4	A. That's the analysis piece that they	provided to me. So this is the the first step in
5	conducted. Or that's the part I'm aware of.	obtaining approval before you even get to
6	Q. Okay. And that analysis, to your	conversations with the employee or having it
7	knowledge, was it created by Bill Piatt or Donna	
8	Wilson?	Q. Okay. Did you recommend that my client
		0 1
9	A. To my knowledge, both may have had a	9 be terminated?
10	A. To my knowledge, both may have had a hand in it. I don't know who specifically typed it	A. I agreed with the recommendation.
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2	Q. And this business justification that	2	A. No, not surprised one way or the other.
3	the document we're looking at, Exhibit 10 speaks to,	3	Q. Did Bill Piatt make any comments to you
4	that business justification comes from management.	4	about my client?
5	A. Donna Wilson.	5	A. Yes, we've yes.
6 7	Q. Yeah.	6	Q. What did he say?
7	A. Yes.	7	A. He's talked in terms he's made
8	Q. Donna Wilson being management.	8	complaints himself of being harassed by Harriet.
8	A. Yes.	9	Q. Okay.
10	Q. Did you ever sit down with Donna Wilson	10	A. That's the nature of our discussion.
11	and Bill Piatt to discuss anything regarding my	11	Q. That's it?
12	client's termination?	12	A. Yeah, yeah. He felt like he was being
13	A. Donna Wilson only. Bill is not her	13	harassed.
14	manager. It is not it's not his business.	14	Q. But then when Harriet was said she
15	Q. Isn't it true that Bill Piatt was	15	felt she was being harassed, you didn't have any
16	present with Donna Wilson when they were having	16	discussions with him about
17	follow-up meetings with Harriet Lane?	17	A. Yes, I had to like I said before, the
18	A. I wasn't present, so I can't I have	18	claims I have to speak to the people she's making
19	no	19	claims against and any witnesses. And I believe
20	Q. You weren't present?	20	there my notes are included in my meeting with
21	A. No.	21	him, so yeah.
22	Q. So you were never present for any	22	Q. Okay.
23	discussions between Donna Wilson, Bill Piatt and my	23	MR. BAIL: I pass the witness.
24	client.	24	MS. GRANT: I have no questions.
25	A. No.	25	* * * * *
1	Page 26 Q. Never present.	1	Page 28 CHANGES AND SIGNATURE
2	A. No.	2	WITNESS NAME: DATE OF DEPOSITION:
3	Q. Was there any other HR individual that	3	TONI HORTON FEBRUARY 6, 2020
4	was working on my client's case specifically at this	4	PAGE LINE CHANGE REASON
5	time period that you were?	5	
6	A. No. I'm the only HR supporting that	6	
7	site from June 2017 to current.	7	
8	Q. Okay.	8	
9	MR. BAIL: I'm almost finished, just	9	
10	going to	10	
11	MS. GRANT: Take your time.	11	
12	Q. (By Mr. Bail) I don't remember if I	12	
13	asked you this or not. But do you know who Melissa	13	
	Shovelski is?	14	
14	SHOVEISKI 15:		
14 15	A. I know who she is.	15	
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15	A. I know who she is.		
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2	deposition and hereby affix my signature that same	2	was not requested by the
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7	STATE OF )	8	testimony was taken. Further, I am not a relative
8	COUNTY OF )	9	or employee of any attorney of record in this cause,
9	,	10	nor am I financially or otherwise interested in the
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